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SUBJ: ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN CITIZEN: RUVANE, ANNE JULIE

REF.: STATE 027736

1. CONSULAR SECTION HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY PHONE BY BOTH JOHN RUVANE FROM THE U.S. AND ANNE JULIE RUVANE FROM OURO FINO, MINAS GERAIS. BECAUSE OF REFUSAL OF BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES TO EXTEND MISS RUVANE'S AUTHORIZED STAY IN BRAZIL PAST SIX MONTHS, CONSOFF SUGGESTED FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES: 1. PAY THE FINE IMPOSED UPON DEPARTURE FOR OVERSTAY, WHICH WOULD BE LESS THAN EQUIVALENT OF U.S. 2.00 PER DAY. 2. DEPART BRAZIL FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, SUCH AS URUGUAY OR ARGENTINA, AND RE-ENTER WITH NEW THREE MONTH TOURIST AUTHORIZATION, WHICH WOULD BE VALID FOR THREE MONTHS, RENEWABLE FOR ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS.

2. U.S. CITIZENS COMING TO BRAZIL AS TOURISTS DO NOT REQUIRE VISA, BUT ARE AUTHORIZED 90 DAY STAY BY STAMP PLACED IN PASSPORT BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. THIS 90 DAYS RENEWABLE FOR ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS UPON APPLICATION. BRAZILIAN REGULATIONS, SIMILAR TO USINS 6 MONTH LIMITATION FOR B-2 VISITORS IN THE U.S., MAKE NO PROVISION FOR EXTENSION BEYOND THIS MAXIMUM OF 6 MONTHS, UNLESS TOURIST DEPARTS THE COUNTRY AND RE-ENTERS. BRAZILIAN REGULATIONS ALSO MAKE NO PROVISION ADJUSTMENT OF TOURIST STATUS TO STUDENT WHILE IN THE COUNTRY.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ROTARY OFFICIALS IN BELO HORIZONTE,

WHERE THE EXTENSION WAS REQUESTED, HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PREVAIL UPON AUTHORITIES TO EXTEND VISA WITHOUT SUCCESS. INTERVENTION OF CONGEN IN BELO HORIZONTE ON MISS RUVANE'S BEHALF IS PHYSICALLY DIFFICULT, SINCE BELO HORIZONTE LOCATED 400 MILES FROM RIO, AND AUTHORITIES DO NOT DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS BY TELEPHONE. FAILURE OF BRAZILIAN ROTARY OFFICIALS, WHO ARE USUALLY INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN COMMUNITY, TO RESOLVE PROBLEM WOULD APPEAR, IN ANY CASE, TO MAKE FURTHER INTERVENTION BY CONGEN SUPERFLUOUS.

4. UPON RECEIPT STATE 027736, CONGEN TELEPHONED MISS RUVANE IN OURO FINO, LEARNED THAT AS OF FEBRUARY 6 SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED. HER VISA WILL EXPIRE 17 FEBRUARY. SINCE MISS RUVANE PLANS TO MEET HER FATHER IN RIO ON 14 FEBRUARY, WE SUGGESTED THAT THEY CALL AT CONGEN, AND WE WILL TRY TO RESOLVE PROBLEM HERE WITH RIO AUTHORITIES. WHILE EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO OBTAIN EXTENSION, WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT WE WILL SUCCEED BECAUSE OF CLARITY OF BRAZILIAN REGULATIONS ON THIS POINT, AND LACK OF SUCCESS IN THE PAST.

5. ROTARY OFFICIALS IN US ARE NOW NO DOUBT AWARE THAT TRAVEL TO BRAZIL FOR THEIR EXCHANGE VISITORS WITHOUT VISA ARRANGED IN ADVANCE TO COVER ENTIRE STAY IS HIGHLY INADVISABLE.
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